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SUBJECT:JAPANESE HARBOR AND PORT WORKERS REFUSE NIGHT WORK

DEPT PASS FMC FOR CHAIRMAN BENTLEY

1. THE ALL-JAPAN PORT AND HARBOR WORKERS COUNCIL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT EFFECTIVE OCT. 15 ITS MEMBERS WILL REFUSE TO WORK AFTER 9:30 P.M. AT PORTS OF NAGOYA, TOKYO,KOBE AND SHIMONOSEKI. COUNCIL ALSO THREATENS "SECOND WAVE," TO BEGIN AT YET UNSPECTFIED DATE, WHICH WILLINVOLVE REFUSAL OF ALL OVERTIME WORK AND EXTENSION OF DISPUTE TACTICS TOPORTS OF OSAKA AND YOKOHAMA.

2. AT ISSUE IS UNILATERAL CANCELLATION BY EMPLOYERS' GROUP IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR OF PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON CONTRACT WHICH ELIMINATED NIGHT WORK, RESTRICTED OVERTIME AND SET WORK DAY AT EIGHT HOURS.EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION HAS REFUSED TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNION REPRESENTATIVES, AND LATTER SAY THEY WILL CONTINUE DISPUTE TACTICS UNTILEMPLOYERS'AGREE TO RETURN TO BARGAINING TABLE.

3. EMBASSY HAS CHECKED WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. LINES WHO SAYS THAT PROLONGED REFUSAL TO DO NIGHT WORK AT KOBE AND POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF TACTICS TOYOKOHAMA WOULD SERIOUSLY DISRUPT  
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OPERATONS,PARTICIULARY FOR CONTAINER SHIPS WHICH MUST

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